**Refund of Excess Recovery of Taxes to Senior Citizens**

49. SHRIAMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior citizens in the Capital who filed income-tax return during the last two years, year-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of senior citizens have not been refunded their excess amount of tax deducted at source and if so, what is the number of such persons and by when they are likely to get their refund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) the number of returns filed by senior citizens during the assessment year 2003-04 and 2004-05 were 30,928 and 30,924, respectively.

(b) for assessment year 2003-04, there is no such case. In respect of assessment year 2004-05, refund has not yet been issued in 2809 cases owing to problems relating to wrong quoting of PAN by the senior citizens and migration of PAN from other jurisdictions. These refunds are likely to be issued by 31.3.05.

**Filing of Income Tax Returns by Nursing Homes**

50. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIABUASIMAZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical Practitioners and Nursing Homes in the Capital who have filed income-tax return during the last two years;

(b) how much income-tax actually been paid by them;

(c) whether Government are aware that a large number of Medical Practitioners/Nursing Homes are not filing any income-tax return; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM) : (a) Total number of Medical Practitioners and Nursing Homes in the capital who have filed income tax returns during the financial year 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 are 9459 and 10628 respectively.

(b) Income tax paid by such assesses for the A.Y 2002-2003 is Rs. 5.96 crore and or A.Y. 2003-2004 is Rs. 7.95 crore.

(c) and (d) Medical practitioners/Nursing homes whose total income exceeds' the maximum amount not chargeable to income tax, have to file their income tax return. In cases where it comes to the notice of the Income tax department that such persons have not filed their returns of income, necessary action under the law is taken.

**World Bank aid to Tsunami affected States**

51. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a formal request has been made to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to consider providing assistance to the Tsunami affected States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including broad requirements indicated for re-building the infrastructure, for rehabilitation of livelihoods of those affected and assistance for developing disaster prevention and management systems for the future;

(c) whether the two multi-lateral financing agencies have assessed the needs and developed a programme of support for reconstruction and recovery; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Joint Assessment Mission of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the united Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had visited the affected states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Naau, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry during Feb. 1-15,2005 to define the quantum of assistance required for post Tsunami reconstruction activities from the World Bank, the ADB and the UNDP.